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Into Space.

BY ELLA WHEELER.

If the sad old world should jump a cog
Something to its dizzy spining,
And go off the track with a sudden jar,
What an end would come to the singing,
What a rest from strife and the burdens of life
For the millions of people in it,
What a way out of care, and worry and wear,
All in a peccadillo minute.

As I stand the sun with a curving sweep
It hurried and runs and races.

Should it lose its balance, and go with a leap
Into the vast deep spaces.

What a blast relief it would be to the grief,
And the trouble and till about us,

To be suddenly hurled from the solar world
And let it go without us.

With not a sigh or a sad good-bye

For lived ones left behind us,

We would go with a lung and a mighty plunge;

Where never a grave should find us.

What a wild mad thrill our veins would fill

As the great earth, like a teeter, her,

Should fling the air, to God knows where,

And carry us all together.

No dark, damp tomb and no mourners' gloom,

No tolling bell to the steeples,

But to swift fit with a pitiless death

For untold billions people.

What greater bliss could we wish than this,

To sweep with a bird's free motion

Bro' fews of space to a resting place,

In a vast and vapory ocean—

To pass away from this life for ever—

With never a tear unshedded,

And a world on fire for our funeral pyre,

While the stars looked on and wondered?

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